Subject: IN SUPPORT OF SB-462 -

An Act Concerning Municipal Collection of the Marijuana & Controlled Substances Tax

Fact: The enabling legislation was overwhelmingly enacted in 1991. The street value of the applicable substances was used as the basis of the drug tax to be paid by those in possession.

Fact: The Department of Revenue Services chose not to pursue collection of this tax so as not to embarrass the administration since half of these taxes were believed not collectible plus would require an additional administrator. Commissioner Gavin agreed that the municipalities would best collect these applicable drug taxes.

Fact: Should only one ounce (28.35 grams) of controlled substances be property found in each drug-related arrest as determined by the Connecticut Crime Laboratory and only half of the applied taxes were collectible, the amount of the drug taxes collected by municipalities of 75,000 population in Connecticut would total an estimated \$100,000,000.00 per year.

Fact: The Planning and Development Committee tallied 100% "Yea" of the 18 Voting with 4 members "absent and Not Voting"

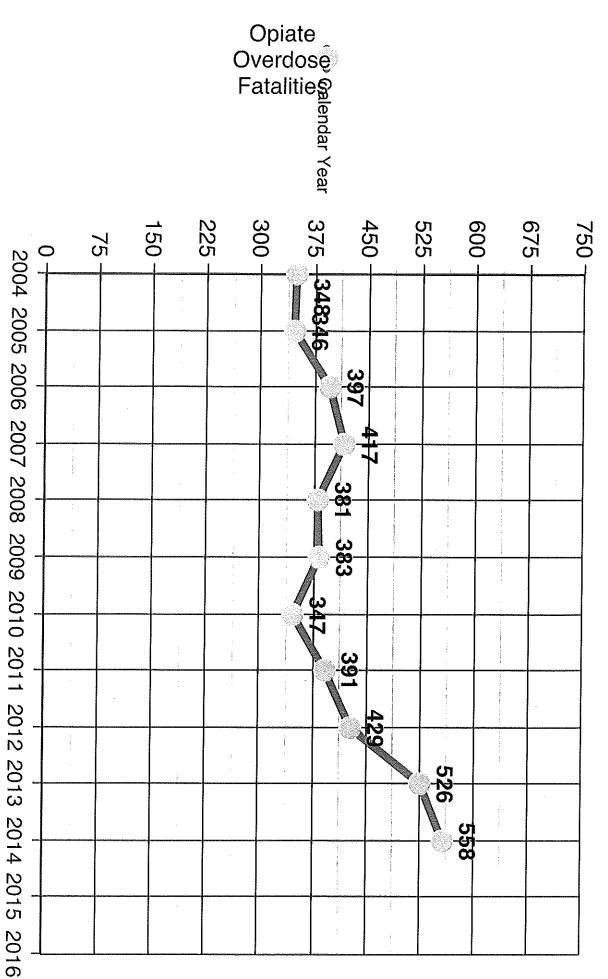
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## Connecticut Accidental Drug Intoxication Deaths Office of the Chief Medical Examiner

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## STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES AND PUBLIC PROTECTION DIVISION OF STATE POLICE



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TO: Sgt. Roden #174

FROM: Tpr. Maronde #1184 203-907-779

DATE: 03/05/2015

SUBJECT: numbers

Sir,

After a review of the Case Incident Reports beginning on 1/01/11 until 12/31/2014 the following is a rough collection due to differencing in case coding or case investigations pending.

- 5 Untimley Deaths due to overdoses.
- 72 narcotic event/arrests
- 5.8 grams of cocaine seized
- 22 marijuana plants seized
- 151 bags of heroin seized
- 2.3 pounds of marijuana seized.

Respectfully submitted,

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Trooper Maronde #1184